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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES ISSA DARWISH HAS AGAIN QUERIED AMBASSADOR ABOUT MUEHLBERGER-FOOSE FIELD TRIP RELATED TO 1975 APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST PROJECT (ASTP). WE HAVE EARLIER INFORMED SARG PER REFTEL THAT SYRIAN LEG OF PROPOSED FIELD TRIP HAD BEEN CANCELLED. MINISTRY, WHICH PUTS HIGH PRIRITY ON EXPLORATION FOR NEW PETROLEUM AND MINERAL DEPOSITS, REMAINS KEENLY INTERESTED IN PROJECT, AND DARWISH ASKED US IF SYRIA MIGHT BE INCLUDED ON A FUTURE VISIT OF NASA SCIENTISTS FOLLOWING UP ON ASTP. BOTH MINISTRY AND EMBASSY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ALL PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT OF SYRIA'S PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESURCES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISING NASA OF THIS INTEREST AND ASCERTAINING WHETHER SYRIA COULD BE INCLUDED IN PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FIELD TRIP TO TURKEY OR IN ANOTHER SUCH TRIP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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